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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO TURKEY TO JOIN THE CONTACT GROUP ON
SOMALI PIRACY

REF: A. ANKARA 02155 B. STATE 133199

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is an Action Request, please see para. 3.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Following the Government of Turkey,s formal offer of at least one frigate with air element embarked to support counter piracy operations off the coast of Somalia, the Department concurs with Embassy Ankara,s support for Turkey,s request (Ref A) to be included in the Contact Group on Somali Piracy (CGSP).

[1](#)3. (SBU) Action Request: Embassy Ankara is instructed to approach appropriate GOT officials per the instructions found in Ref B. Post should additionally note our appreciation for Turkey,s readiness to support the CGSP with military assets.
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